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1. LATEST ROUND OF EC-CANADA CONSULTATIONS INCLUDED SEMI-ANNUAL HIGH LEVEL TALKS DECEMBER 8-9 AND THE FIRST SESSION OF THE JOINT COOPERATION COMMITTEE CALLED FOR IN THE EC-CANADA FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON DECEMBER 10. COMMISSION AND CANADIAN OFFICIALS HERE AGREE THAT THE HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIONS BROKE LITTLE NEW GROUND BUT PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW CURRENT BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES. EC SIDE EXPRESSED STRONG CONCERN OVER CANADIAN RESORT TO GATT ARTICLE XIX RATHER THAN THE MFA AND ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT CANADIAN ACTIONS ON LEAD AND ZINC.

2. CANADIAN MISSION SOURCE HERE CONFIRMED INFORMATION IN REF B WITH RESPECT TO CANADIAN DISSATISFACTION WITH APPARENT LACK OF COMMUNITY INTEREST IN EXPANDING EC-CANADA ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP. SAME SOURCE PROVIDED COPY OF AGENDA APPROVED AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JOINT-COOPERATION COMMITTEE MEETING INCLUDING WORK PROGRAM FOR 1977-78. THIS MATERIAL BEING SENT BY AIRGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY OTTAWA.

3. RESPONSIBLE COMMISSION OFFICIAL (LOERKE OF DG-I), ON OTHER HAND, BELIEVES JOINT COMMITTEE MADE AS MUCH PROGRESS AS POSSIBLE

AT ITS FIRST INSTITUTIONAL SESSION AND EXPRESSED GENERAL
SATISFACTION WITH CONSULTATIONS. HINTON

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